## **GLOBAL IMPACT HOMES ANNUAL REPORT**

FOR YEAR 2023 - 2024: JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024



Creating Positive Relationships Across Borders by Building Homes & Better Communities for Those in Need.



Dear friends, donors and volunteers,

I can't believe we are five years old! Our first year saw us complete a project in Peru a week before the world shut down due to COVID-19. In our second year we managed to find a project in Mexico while travel was still limited in many countries. In our third year COVID was still disrupting travel and still hurting low income families and communities in developing countries, and despite some travel difficulties we were able to bring a team to Brazil and help a family in a favela of Rio. In our fourth year beginning Summer 2022 life felt like it did pre-pandemic. Travel and tourism returned, and we were able to complete two projects, one in Mexico and one in Colombia.

For the mostly completed 2023-2024 fiscal year we completed one project and contributed to another. A team of twelve volunteers traveled to Nicaragua where we remodeled a community center. Over the course of a week we removed and reinstalled a new roof, including installing new support columns, we dug a septic hole and installed two bathrooms, we cleaned and painted the entire building, and donated several items, including new chairs for the pre-school and computer lab.

We also donated funds towards the construction of a community center roof in Lagos, Nigeria. Thousands of people were left homeless when the government needlessly destroyed homes in the Oworonahoki community, and the community center became a place to protect these people and their belongings during the rainy season. It will also provide a better space for community meetings.

As we move into our sixth year we are already counting the days to when we get to spend time again with our veteran volunteers in a to-be-determined country helping a to-be-determined family or families, and we look forward to meeting new volunteers to the Global Impact Homes team. We started our nonprofit as we moved into an unbelievably difficult pandemic, but thanks to our donors and volunteers we are in an excellent position to continue to participate in several projects over the next year. Thank you.

Matthew Martin Executive Director

Global Impact Homes, A Nonprofit Corporation

There is no shortage of people in need of a safe place to live. We are an all-volunteer non-profit organization with 100% of donations going towards our vision of building homes for those in need. Our objective is to build homes for families, to create safe spaces for children to study, for families to eat together, for parents to live with dignity.

"This project has been an excellent opportunity for everyone. With these changes, the children and youth who attend the center to receive classes are in a safer and more welcoming place, and it has also made a big difference in offering sanitary facilities. The children now have access to hygienic facilities, eliminating the need to walk long distances to meet their basic needs."

Juana Paula, Santa Ana, Nicaragua resident

"This improvement has impacted me a lot. I studied in this community center in elementary school, and now my children also learn here. I am happy because they are enjoying a safer and more comfortable place. It was dangerous, especially during times of rain, and there were moments when the water reached dangerously high levels."

Aleyda Rodridguez, Santa Ana, Nicaragua resident





# 2023-2024 in NUMBERS

- Americans give about \$500 billion to charities annually
- The average donor in the USA is 64 years old and gives twice per year
- 85% of US donors volunteer
- Nicaragua is the second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere
- Nigeria has the second largest poverty population after India
- 80% of the year's donations were raised by the Nicaragua Impact Team volunteers
- 82% of all donations this fiscal year were spent on the Nicaragua and Nigeria community improvement projects



Children in Santa Ana helping us paint their new community center.

#### SANTA ANA, GRANADA, NICARAGUA

We partnered with Empowerment International and a local nonprofit to Granada, ADEINIC. Our mission was to rehabilitate a community center in Santa Ana, a village located 30 minutes from Granada. ADEINIC has a mission to build educated communities and help break the cycle of poverty in families, and this community center is vital to progressing their mission.



The community center in Santa Ana serves as a computer lab, a pre-school, a study center, and to teach job skills classes to community members, including English. The only internet access in the village is in this community center.

In front of the community center is a well that provides water for everyone in Santa Ana. Life isn't easy in this area, and on several days we saw hundreds of adults and children picking peanuts by hand from a nearby field. We ate meals a few hundred yards from the work site that a local family prepared for us, and everyone we met was very friendly and welcoming to our team.





After our week of work we had a wonderful ribbon cutting ceremony and cultural celebration with the entire community. We exchanged gifts, hugs, and a few tears. It was an amazing experience.

## LAGOS, NIGERIA

For this project we partnered with a non-governmental organization in Lagos that focuses on the rights and welfare of vulnerable children in Nigeria.





Above is the original roof, and below the work continues to finish installing the new roof.





### THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING GLOBAL IMPACT HOMES

What started as an idea to change the world one family at a time has become a reality over the past five years. Thank you so much for helping us make the world a little better.

Phil Freeman
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Joel and Kathy Martin
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Jonathan Morgan
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Wayne Moore
Paul Woodman



"Spending one week with Global Impact Homes in Nicaragua was an extraordinary experience. Not only did we work hard to improve the community center, but we also had a lot of fun and shared many enriching experiences as a group. Dedication, effort, and laughter created a vibrant and enjoyable atmosphere that left us all deeply inspired and motivated. We sincerely thank Global Impact Homes for bringing this project to our organization in Nicaragua."

Anielka Hondoy, Child Sponsorship Coordinator Empowerment International, ADEINIC